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as Trustee of The Marital Deduction Trust of Erika Klein, a trust, Leslie  
Klein as Trustee of The Survivor's Trust of Leslie Klein, a trust, and  
Barbara Klein, an individual

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

IN RE

LESLIE KLEIN,

DEBTOR.

BRADLEY D. SHARP, CHAPTER 11  
TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

LESLIE KLEIN, AN INDIVIDUAL,  
THE SECOND AMENDED KLEIN  
LIVING TRUST, A TRUST, THE  
MARITAL DEDUCTION TRUST OF  
ERIKA KLEIN, A TRUST, THE  
SURVIVOR'S TRUST OF LESLIE  
KLEIN, A TRUST, AND BARBARA  
KLEIN, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Defendant-Appellants.

Case No.: 2:23-bk-10990-SK

Hon. Sandra Klein

Chapter 11

Adv. No.: 2:24-ap-01140-SK

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

1 Eric J. Olson, attorney for Defendants, Leslie Klein, an individual,  
2 Leslie Klein as Trustee of The Second Amended Klein Living Trust, a trust,  
3 Leslie Klein as Trustee of The Marital Deduction Trust of Erika Klein, a  
4 trust, Leslie Klein as Trustee of The Survivor's Trust of Leslie Klein, a trust,  
5 and Barbara Klein, an individual, states the following Statement of Issues  
6 on his Appeal:  
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- 8 1. Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in denying Defendant-  
9 Appellants' Motion for Continuance of the Motion for Summary  
10 Judgment on All Claims for Relief Against Defendants.  
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- 12 2. Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in granting the Motion for  
13 Summary Judgment on All Claims for Relief Against Defendants.  
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- 15 3. Whether the Bankruptcy Court could grant a judgment in quiet title  
16 under CCP §762.010 et seq. effective against parties named in the  
17 Second Amended Living Trust but not named as parties to the action  
18 or when the Court could not convey insurable title, the Trustee not  
19 having stated adverse claims against them.  
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- 21 4. Whether the Bankruptcy Court could grant a judgment in quiet title  
22 under CCP §762.010 et seq. against parties only named as trusts.  
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- 24 5. Whether the Bankruptcy Court could treat the Second Amended  
25 Living Trust as "self-settled" by Debtor when it explicitly provides that  
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1 the Marital Deduction Trust and the Credit Trust (depending on  
2 circumstances) including the June Street property are funded from  
3 the community share of the deceased Erika Klein for the ultimate  
4 benefit of her children.  
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7 6. Whether the ledgers showing the June Street property as property of  
8 either the Marital Deduction Trust or the Credit Trust at least create a  
9 triable issue of fact as to whether the June Street property is held for  
10 the benefit of the Marital Deduction Trust or the Credit Trust.  
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12 7. Whether Probate Code §15304(b) and the fact that the June Street  
13 property is shown to come from Erika Klein, not the Debtor shows  
14 that it is protected by the spendthrift provisions of the trust.  
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16 8. Whether the statements of Debtor under oath and his course of  
17 performance do not at least constitute a triable issue of fact as to  
18 limitations of the issue of control of Debtor over the June Street  
19 property.  
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22 9. Whether the inclusion of the June Street property in the Second  
23 Amended Trust does not constitute a conveyance of the June Street  
24 property without a separate deed pursuant to Estate of Heggstad 16  
25 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 193 and Probate Code §15200.  
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1 10. Whether the recording of the Second Amended Trust whose  
2 terms incorporate the terms of the Marital Deduction Trust and the  
3 Credit Trust does not suffice to protect the Marital Deduction Trust,  
4 Credit Trust and Survivor's Trust as well as other parties to the  
5 recorded Second Amended Trust as set forth in the prayer.  
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8 11. Whether the presence of Barbara Klein, resident in the June  
9 Street property is sufficient to put a party (including the Trustee) on  
10 notice of her rights so that no one could be a bona fide purchaser  
11 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §544(a)(3) as set forth in the prayer.  
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14 12. Whether the parties to the action or to the Second Amended  
15 Trust other than Debtor are entitled to the legal protections of their  
16 interests and they should not be impaired by any purported estoppels  
17 or other alleged actions or omissions by Debtor.  
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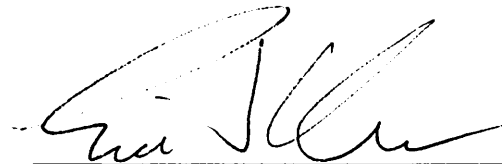
19 13. Whether there is any evidence supporting the idea that either  
20 the Marital Deduction Trust or the Credit Trust was required to have a  
21 TIN or to file a tax return, and the testimony of Debtor that the June  
22 Street property does and did not generate income contradicts any  
23 such contention.  
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1 14. Whether the issues of interpretation and ownership of assets  
2 under the Second Amended Trust are properly determined  
3 exclusively under California law in a California Probate Court.  
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5 15. Whether the Second Amended Trust was created in 1990 and  
6 became partly irrevocable in 2012 on the death of Erika Klein as to  
7 her half of the community property and the Marital Deduction Trust  
8 and Credit Trust, more than 10 years before the date of bankruptcy.  
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11 16. Appellants reserve the right to supplement this filing of issues.  
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14 Dated: January 16, 2025

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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